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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE DESCRIPTION

Page 5, after the tenth full paragraph, lines 19 and 20, please insert the following:

--Fig. 11 is a time sequence showing another business embodiment of the present invention.--